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1. DURING A JUNE 6 VISIT BY ROBERT HOMME (DEPT. EUR/RPE)
AND EMBOFF, PATRICK O'CORNESSE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF QUAI
OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR FRENCH-EC ECONOMIC RELATIONS,
OFFERED SEVERAL COMMENTS ON THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS
ON A NEW EC/YUGOSLAV COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND CONCERN-
ING IMPROVEMENT OF THE EC'S OFFERS TO THE YUGOSLAVS.

2. O'CORNESSE SAID THAT THE GOF WOULD GO ALONG WITH
SOME IMPROVEMENT OF THE EC NEGOTIATING MANDATE. HOWEVER,
HE QUICKLY ADDED THAT, WHILE MODEST AMELIORATIONS MIGHT
BE MADE ON A FAIRLY LARGE NUMBER OF ITEMS, MAJOR CON-
CESSIONS TOWARD THE MOST RECENT YUGOSLAV DEMANDS WOULD
NOT REPEAT NOT BE MADE. HE SAID THESE DEMANDS WERE EX-
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CESSIVE AND THAT THE EC WAS SIMPLY NOT GOING TO OPEN
ITSELF UP COMPLETELY TO THEM--PARTICULARLY SINCE
YUGOSLAV FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND OVERALL DEBT POSITIONS
WERE, IN EC VIEW, NOT NEARLY AS BAD AS YUGOSLAVS
WERE MAKING THEM OUT TO BE.

3. SOURCE CONCLUDED THAT GOF WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT

SPECIAL EC TRADE TREATMENT FOR YUGOSLAVIA AND THAT IT
WAS OF COURSE AWARE OF THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF
SUCH TREATMENT. ANY AGREEMENT REACHED, HOWEVER, WOULD
HAVE TO ESTABLISH REALISTIC LEVELS OF TRADE.
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